



PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hiroyuki YOSHIDA et al.

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For: EXHAUST PASSAGE STRUCTURE IN OUTBOARD ENGINE  
SYSTEM

Group Art Unit: 3748

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**RESPONSE UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121**

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

February 7, 2003

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated October 7, 2002, the time for reply having been duly extended until February 7, 2003, by the attached petition, please amend the application as follows:

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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

In the specification, please amend the first full paragraph of page 11 as follows:

a<sup>1</sup> As can be seen from Fig. 2, the oil case 41 is integrally provided with an oil pan 41<sub>1</sub>, and a suction pipe 47 provided with an oil strainer 46 is accommodated in the oil pan 41<sub>1</sub>. An exhaust passage-defining member 48 is coupled to a rear surface of the oil case 41, and an exhaust gas expansion chamber 49 is defined in the extension case 42 through a partition wall 42<sub>1</sub>.

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please replace the Abstract with the attached replacement Abstract. Also attached is a marked-up copy of the replacement Abstract.